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Nominations of Foreign Service Officers for Assignment to CIA/ORE

References: a) Memorandum to the Director, CI, dated 7 July 1949 from Special Assistant to the Secretary of State for Research and Intelligence

b) Memorandum to the Director, CI, dated 8 June 1949 from AD/ORE, subject: Plan for the Exchange of Foreign Service and CIA Personnel

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1. In consideration of Reference a), this office has determined that it has appropriate assignments for approximately eighteen (18) properly qualified Foreign Service Officers in grades ranging from equivalents of P-3 through P-7.

2. ORE's requirements for Foreign Service Officers are limited to those whose training and experience have qualified them in the preparation of reports on foreign areas in political, economic, cultural, and sociological fields, rather than those who have been engaged in administrative duties.

3. In order to avoid the possibility of misassignment of FSO's and to insure that the best interests of the Department of State and CIA are served, it is believed that no assignments of FSO's should be made until ORE has had an opportunity to review the qualifications of State Department nominees and select those qualified for the specific assignments available. Foreign Service Officers should not be assigned to CIA until security clearance action has been completed. All assignments should be regarded as provisional for a six month period subsequent to the date of reporting to duty.

4. ORE's position concerning the exchange of CIA and Foreign Service personnel was outlined in the 8 June memorandum to the Director, CI. It is urged that the full scope of the proposed plan be included in future negotiations on the matter with the Department of State.

5. With respect to the terms of agreement between CIA and the Department of State, this office recommends the following modifications of the relevant paragraphs of Reference b):

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a. Rephrase paragraph "b" to read as follows:

"Assignment of FSO's to CIA will be regarded as provisional for a period of six months. Thereafter, if CIA desires to have a FSO withdrawn, or if the Department desires to reassign a FSO, reasonable notice of three to six months will be given."

b. Rephrase paragraph "e" to read as follows:

"CIA may institute a request for assignment of a Foreign Service Officer either by name or by qualifications. The Division of Foreign Service Personnel of the Department of State may nominate FSO's for assignment to CIA. In either case, requests and nominations will be addressed through the Special Assistant to the Secretary of State for Research and Intelligence who will endeavor to assist in determining the qualifications of the individual for the assignment desired. In no case will nominees be assigned to CIA until their qualifications for specific assignments have been reviewed and accepted by CIA."

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